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Mr. Michael Berkoff  
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Dear Mr. Berkoff:

Re: Monthly Progress Report - October 2010  
Former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property Operable Unit No. 7  
Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site  
Allegan and Kalamazoo County

As required by Task 8, Progress Reports in the Statement of Work of the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) at the former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property, please find attached three copies of the Progress Report No. 48 for the period of October 1, 2010 through October 31, 2010.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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**Progress Report No. 48  
October 1, 2010 to October 31, 2010**

**Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study  
Former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property  
Plainwell, Michigan**

This progress report is being submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) in accordance with Task 8: Progress Reports and the Schedule for Major Deliverables contained in the Statement of Work for the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS), pursuant to the terms of the Consent Decree for the Design and Implementation of Certain Response Actions at Operable Unit No. 4 and the Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property (Site) Operational Unit No. 7 of the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site (Consent Decree), which became effective February 22, 2005.

**1. Work Performed**

- Continued development of RI report and design of base map showing Phase II RI and Supplemental Phase II RI sample locations and relevant Site features

**2. Data Received**

- Portions of the data from the Phase II RI sampling activities conducted in January/February 2010 have been received and are currently undergoing quality assurance/quality control validation. The data will be tabulated and provided in future progress reports once this process is complete.
- Portions of the data from the Supplemental Phase II RI sampling activities conducted in May/June 2010 have been received and are undergoing quality assurance/quality control validation. The data will be tabulated and provided in future progress reports once this process is complete.

**3. Modifications to Work Plans or Other Schedules  
Proposed to, or Approved by, the U.S. EPA**

- The overall project schedule for completion of the RI/FS, originally presented in the July 2009 RI/FS Workplan, has been updated. A copy of the updated schedule is attached.

**4. Problems Encountered and Planned Resolution**

- None

**5. Work Anticipated During the Next Reporting Period**

- Continue quality assurance/quality control validation of January/February 2010 and May/June 2010 laboratory analytical data as it is received
- Continue work on Area 3A Phase II RI Data Report as Synthetic Precipitation Leaching Procedure (SPLP) metals data specific to Area 3A is received
- Continue work on RI Report
- Completion of appropriate characterization and disposal of remaining solid investigation derived waste (IDW)

**6. Anticipated Development with Work during the Next Period**

- Meeting at the Site with U.S. EPA, Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (MDNRE), and Weyerhaeuser Company on November 16, 2010

**7. Other Relevant Information**

- None



**RI/FS PROJECT SCHEDULE  
RI/FS WORK PLAN  
FORMER PLAINWELL, INC MILL PROPERTY  
PLAINWELL, MICHIGAN**

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